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SUBJECT: S AND T AGREEMENT: SECOND JOINT COMMISSION MEETING

REF: A. MOSCOW 12758; B. STATE 186742; C. STATE 219293;
D. STATE 218329; E. STATE 223198

1. SUMMARY: THERE FOLLOWS CURRENT STATUS OF SOVIET PLANNING FOR JOINT COMMISSION MEETING, MISCELLANEOUS ADVICE AND INFORMATION, AS WELL AS REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION NEEDED ON URGENT BASIS SO THAT PLANS FOR MEETING CAN BE FIRMED UP. MOST IMPORTANT, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING BY IMMEDIATE CABLE, IF POSSIBLE, WHETHER US DELEGATION ABLE TO ARRIVE MOSCOW NOVEMBER 26 RATHER THAN NOVEMBER 27 AS CURRENTLY PLANNED (SEE BELOW). END SUMMARY.

2. PROGRAM: THREE VARIANTS FOR GENERAL PROGRAM OF VISIT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED NOVEMBER 13-14 WITH SCST. EMBASSY AND SCST CONSIDER FIRST VARIANT BELOW TO BE IDEAL WITHIN LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE, BUT REQUIRES USDEL TO ARRIVE ONE DAY EARLIER THAN PLANNED, I.E., ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26. IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE, IN JUDGMENT OF EMBASSY AND SCST, THE VARIANTS ARE:

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PROGRAM I:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26: ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW, TRANSFER TO HOTEL.
BALLET IN EVENING.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27:

0830-0930 BRIEFING AT EMBASSY

1000 - 1030 PRIVATE DISCUSSION BETWEEN DR. STEVER AND
ACADEMICIAN KIRILLIN.

1030 OPENING SESSION OF JOINT COMMISSION MEETING

1300 LUNCH TO HONOR OPENING OF JOINT COMMISSION
MEETING (AT VIP MANSION EBLONGING TO MFA)

1500 CONTINUATION OF MEETING

EVENING CIRCUS

WEDENSDAY, NOVEMBER 28:

1000 CONTINUATION OF MEETING

1300 LUNCH AT HOTEL (USDEL ONLY)

1500 FINAL SESSION.

1830 RECEPTION AT SPASO HOUSE HOSTED BY CHARGE AND
DR. STEVER

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29:

1000 - 1600 (A) SUBCOMMITTEES MEET TO COMPLETE FINAL
DOCUMENTATION OF MEETING.

(B) REMAINDER OF USDEL MAKES SITE VISITS IN
MOSCOW AREA.

1600 SIGNING CEREMONY AND PRESS CONFERENCE
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1700 RECEPTION HOSTED BY SOVIETS

2355 TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD BY "REE ARROW" NIGHT TRAIN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30:

VISITS TO SCIENTIFIC FACILITIES IN LENINGRAD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1:

SIGHTSEEING IN LENINGRAD

SUPPER FLIGHT TO TBILISI (PRIVATE AIRCRAFT)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2:

SIGHTSEEING IN TBILISI

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3:

VISITS TO SCIENTIFIC FACILITIES IN TBILISI

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4:

RETURN TO MOSCOW IN EARLY MORNING (SPECIAL
AIRCRAFT)

SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING IN MOSCOW.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5:

DEPARTURE OF U.S. DEL.

PROGRAM II: (THIS VARIANT IS VERY SIMILAR TO PRECEDING ONE
AND IS ALMOST EQUALLY AS ATTRACTIVE, BUT IT HAS DISADVANTAGES
THAT (A) INSTITUTES IN LENINGRAD WILL HAVE TO BE VISITED ON A
NON-WORKING DAY AND (B) VISIT TO TBILISI IS RUSHED. AS FAR AS
(A) IS CONCERNED, KIRILLIN HAS GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT FACILITIES
WILL SPECIALLY BE OPENED FOR VISITS BY USDEL, BUT THIS PROBABLY
MEANS ONLY TOKEN STAFF WILL BE PRESENT AND EQUIPMENT WILL NOT
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BE IN OPERATION. AS TO (B), ADDITIONAL TIME CAN BE GAINED IN
TBILISI BY RETURNING TO MOSCOW LATER ON TUESDAY. THIS,
HOWEVER, WOULD FURTHER CURTAIL ALREADY LIMITED AMOUNT OF
MOSCOW SIGHTSEEING.)

TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, SAME PROGRAM AS MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
ABOVE, BUT SHIFTED BY ONE DAY.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3: SIGHTSEEING IN TBILISI AND VISITS TO
SCIENTIFIC FACILITIES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4: RETURN TO MOSCOW (PRIVATE AIRCRAFT)

PROGRAM III: THIS VARIANT SIMILAR TO THOSE ABOVE, BUT FOR
POST-MEETING TRAVEL USDEL DIVIDES INTO TWO GROUPS. FIRST
GROUP TRAVELS TO LENINGRAD AND NOVOSIBIRSK. SECOND GROUP
TRAVELS TO KIEV AND TBILISI. DISADVANTAGES ARE: (A) SPECIAL

AIRCRAFTS WOULD NOT BE PROVIDED, BECAUSE OF SMALLER SIZE OF GROUPS, AND COMMERCIAL SCHEDULES WOULD HAVE TO BE ADHERED TO, FLEXIBILITY OF TRAVEL WOULD THEREFORE BE LOST. (B) FIRST GROUP WOULD BE FORCED TO ENDURE STRENUOUS FLIGHT FROM LENINGRAD TO NOVOSIBIRSK, WITH CONNECTION IN MOSCOW AT 02:00 A.M., FOR ONLY HALF-DAY VISIT TO AKADEMGORODOK. ALSO, RECORD OF DEPENDABILITY OF THIS FLIGHT DURING NOVEMBER-DECEMBER IS NOT GOOD. IF VISIT IS MADE TO KRASNAYA PAKHRA, GENERAL CHARACTER OF A SOVIET "AKADEMGORODOK" WILL ALREADY HAVE BEEN ASCERTAINED, BUT LEVEL OF SCIENCE AT NOVOSIBIRSK VERSION IS GENERALLY HIGHER, OF COURSE. (C) SECOND GROUP WOULD MISS LENINGRAD ALTOGETHER, WHICH IS UNDESIRABLE FOR THOSE MEMBERS OF USDEL WHO ARE NOT ACQUAINTED WITH THE SCIENCE AND HISTORICAL MONUMENTS OF THIS CITY. ALSO, KIEV-TBILISI VISIT WOULD PROBABLY BE SCIENTIFICALLY NOT AS REWARDING EXCEPT FOR MEMBERS OF USDEL HAVING CERTAIN SPECIAL INTERESTS. (D) SPLITTING THE GROUPS PRESENTS PROTOCOL PROBLEMS. THE GROUP INVOLVING DR. STEVER WILL OBVIOUSLY BE FAVORED.

3. PLEASE ADVISE PREFERRED PROGRAM. RESTRICTION OF PROGRAM TO MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD, AS OUTLINED IN PARA 1, REF E, IS YET ANOTHER POSSIBILITY, BUT KIRILLIN IS REPORTEDLY MOST EAGER TO RECIPROCATATE LAVISH TREATMENT ACCORDED SOVDEL DURING FIRST MEETING OF JOINT COMMISSION IN US AND WANTS DR. STEVER TO SEE AS MUCH OF SOVIET UNION AS POSSIBLE. INCLUSION OF TBILISI, WELL-KNOWN FOR ITS GEORGIAN HOSPITALITY AND CHARM, CONFIDENTIAL

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HAS ADDED ADVANTAGE OF GIVING USDEL IMPRESSION OF SCIENCE AND CHARACTER OF ONE OF THE SMALLER SOVIET REPUBLICS. ALSO, IT GIVES SOVIETS OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE SPECIAL AIRCRAFT TO RECIPROCATATE US TREATMENT DURING FIRST MEETING OF JC. (BECAUSE OF WEATHER, IT WOULD NOT BE PROVIDED FOR MOSCOW-LENINGRAD-MOSCOW TRIP.) EMBASSY RECOMMENDS INCLUSION OF TBILISI AS ADDITIONAL STOP. NO INSOLUABLE TRANSPORTATION
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4. AGENDA: SOVIET SIDE ACCEPTS AGENDA PROPOSED IN REF B,
AS AMENDED IN REF C.

5. NEW AREAS OF COOPERATION: SOVIET SIDE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT
PROPOSE ANY NEW AREAS.

6. SITE VISITS: BECAUSE OF LIMITED TIME FOR SITE VISITS
IN MOSCOW AREA, IT WOULD SEEM ADVISABLE FOR USDEL TO SPLIT
INTO TWO-THREE SMALLER GROUPS TO GAIN MAXIMUM COVERAGE.
EMBASSY CONCURS WITH CHOICE OF INSTITUTES MENTIONED IN
PARA 1(A) OF REF E, BUT STRONGLY RECOMMENDS ADDITION OF
TRAPEZNIKOV'S INSTITUTE OF CONTROL PROBLEMS, NOT ONLY BECAUSE
OF HIGH-QUALITY SCIENCE CONDUCTED THERE (INCLUDING MAGNETIC
BUBBLE RESEARCH), BUT BECAUSE OMISSION WOULD PROBABLY BE
TAKEN AS INSULT BY TRAPEZNIKOV. VISIT TO KURCHATOV INSTITUTE
ALSO RECOMMENDED FOR CTR AND OTHER ADVANCED RESEARCH. EMBASSY
SEES NO PROBLEM WITH KRASNAYA PACHRA REQUEST, AND RECOMMENDS
IT. ALTHOUGH ACCESS HAS BEEN RESTRICTED, TO EMBASSY KNOWLEDGE
THERE HAS BEEN AT LEAST ONE VISIT THERE BY US SCIENTISTS AND
PROBABLY MORE. CHOICE OF INSTITUTES MENTIONED PARA 1(B) OF
REF E IS GOOD. IN LENINGRAD, WE WOULD ADD IOFFE INSTITUTE
WHERE SOME OF BEST PHYSICS RESEARCH IN LENINGRAD IS CONDUCTED.
VNIIM VISIT WOULD BE FAR LESS REWARDING. AS TO STATE OPTICAL
INSTITUTE IN LENINGRAD, WE HAVE CERTAIN RESERVATIONS. TO OUR
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KNOWLEDGE, ACCESS TO THIS INSTITUTE HAS BEEN DENIED CON-
SISTENTLY, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF LARGE RESEARCH AND OPTICAL
CONSTRUCTION EFFORTS FOR MILITARY CARRIED OUT THERE. UNLESS
DEPARTMENT HAS CONTRARY INFORMATION, EMBASSY BELIEVE REQUEST
FOR THIS VISIT WOULD CREATE RATHER DELICATE PROBLEM. SINCE
KRASNAYA PACHRA REQUEST NOT PARTICULARLY DELICATE, USDEL MAY
WISH TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO VISIT ELECTRONICS FACTORY AND
R&D LABORATORIES IN ZELENograd OUTSIDE OF MOSCOW. SOVIET
STATE-OF-THE-ART INTEGRATED CIRCUITS ARE REPORTEDLY MADE
THERE, AND TO OUR KNOWLEDGE IT HAS NEVER BEEN VISITED. SUCH
VISIT MIGHT BE COMBINED WITH VISIT TO VNIIFTRI, A FEW BLOCKS
AWAY FROM ELECTRONICS FACTORY.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON MEETING AND COMPOSITION OF
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